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In re application of:

TAKEUCHI, Masao

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For: **BALL LOADING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2003, the time for response to which is extended two months by the accompanying petition from May 20, 2003 to August 20, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.